

REMARKS

Remaining Claims

Claims 55 and 56 have been canceled. Claims 1-3 and 5 have been amended to more clearly point out and distinctly claim the invention. Claims 57-69 have been added. Supports for the newly added claims can be found on page 7, the second paragraph; the paragraph bridging pages 7 and 8; page 12, the second complete paragraph; and the paragraph bridging pages 12 and 13. Supports for the amendment of claims 3 and 5 can be found on page 9, the first complete paragraph. After these amendments are entered, twenty five (25) claims (Claims 1-11, 46, and 57-69) remain pending in this application through this Amendment.

Specification objections

Specification objection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 55-56 and the amendment of claim 2. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the specification objection set forth in the Office Action.

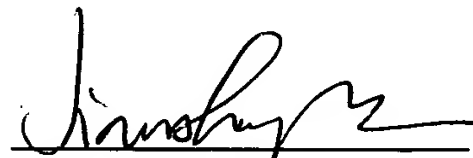
Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph over Claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 46, 55, and 56 has been overcome by the amendments of claims 1-3 and 5 and by the cancellation of claims 55-56. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph rejection set forth in the Office Action.

In view of the foregoing and in conclusion, Applicants submit that the pending claims are now in conditions for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that a discussion with Applicants' representative would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned. Please address all correspondence to Robert Gorman, CIBA Vision, Patent Department, 11460 Johns Creek Parkway, Duluth, GA 30097. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2965.

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